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MILLENNIAL DAYS AND CONDITIONS

Editor News:

The Editor is comical—too comical I fear to be serious. However we had a good laugh at his forethought for "two big barrels of liniment." No, dear Editor and friends, you will not need anything of the kind then, because the Great Physician will be in charge and the "oil" of the holy spirit will be poured out on all flesh is the promise. No, we are having our experience now with liniments, pills, etc., and we see no permanent good in them. The patient is growing worse day by day. But then we will have no use for these because the great "Sun of righteousness" will have arisen "with healing in his beams" (Mal. 4:2), chasing away the miasma of sin and death, and bringing light and life to all mankind. Then there will be no more sickness and no more death, the Scriptures declare, and the "inhabitants shall not say I am sick," etc. Then there will be no occupation for the undertaker. No more "M. D.'s" and "D. D.'s." However we may esteem these now, the best of them are mere quacks, and in need of the great physician's balm, and the leaves of the tree of life, and the undiluted water of life and truth, which will soon flow for the "healing of the nations."—Rev. 22:2.

The Editor knows we do not teach that the dead are in a "trance." A person is not dead in a trance. We hold with the Scripture and reason that the dead are dead, but that the mind or character of each is preserved in the mind of the Creator, who has promised, and who is abundantly able to reproduce them, not with the old body, but with a new one—a spirit body for those who have been begotten to spirit nature, and a human body for the human race.

In a figure the dead are represented as being asleep, as the Scriptures say, "The fathers fell asleep." Stephen "fell asleep." Our Lord said, "Lazarus is not dead but sleepeth; then they laughed him to scorn, and he said plainly, 'Lazarus is dead.'" The figure of sleep is used to suggest the hope of a resurrection. God's power to retain and reproduce is well illustrated in the minute reproductions of nature, and we see the wonders that man can do. By the use of the great X-ray he can penetrate opaque objects and photograph the unseen, as for instance bullets or gravel stones in the human body. He can talk across the continent by wire, or wireless. With the great phonograph record he can store up his voice in song and speech and it can be reproduced long after he is dead. The question recurs, "can man, and can God not?" The answer is, "There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid that shall not be known." "The dead shall hear and live."

We do not claim that any except Adam and Eve will ever come back for a "second trial." None who get a fair trial now will ever have another. And any who would wilfully waste the present opportunities and presume for future ones would be receiving the grace of God in vain, and if his enlightenment was clear he would die hopeless. But one fair trial for each individual is all that will ever be given. But none except those who are enlightened by the Gospel are fairly on trial now. All others, the entire race, is under the original capital sentence inherited through Adam's failure; and they cannot be on trial for life until that sentence is revoked, either by faith, or actually by a restoration. The great mass of mankind are in the tomb, and comparatively few have ever heard of Jesus in order to exercise the required faith and believe and be saved. And all will concede that faith is necessary, for "without faith it is impossible to please God." As Paul says, "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Therefore it stands to reason, and Paul declares that one cannot hear without a preacher, and one cannot preach unless he is sent. All must hear and understand before they can believe (Rom. 10:13-15). It is an awful blunder to claim that all who see or own a Bible or catechism and go to church occasionally are on trial, because the most of these are only natural men, not begotten to a spirit nature, not consecrated, therefore "spiritual things are foolishness unto them, neither can they know them because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2:14. Then beside this natural blindness, many who are sincere and "feeling after God" are side-tracked by the false doctrines and uncertain sounds of the Gospel trumpet which are delusive, and the result is Babylon, confusion.

In view of this we look to the Bible, and the Bible unmistakably points us to a future age—a dispensation when all shall hear and understand—yea,

when "they that erred shall understand" and the "heart of the rash shall understand knowledge." Of that age it is written that all the blind eyes and deaf ears of understanding will be opened, and every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess the glory of God.

The Editor asks some reasonable and important questions which inquiring minds have asked before. He inquires 1st. "If the bodies of all peoples are to be resurrected for this millennial period, of what are they to be composed?" 2nd. On what are they to subsist?" 3rd. "Will there be toiling, buying and selling as now?" 4th. "Where are the great multitudes to be located?"

The Editor is a thinker, and we will answer each question as clearly and briefly as possible. As to the resurrection, we are assured that all in the tombs will come forth: the just to a resurrection of perfect life, and the unjust to a resurrection by judgment, trial and correction in righteousness. But, be it noted, that the just are of two classes, viz., the spirit-begotten ones who are resurrected spirit beings, and the just, of men who have had their trial before the age of spirit-begetting, which commenced at our Lord's baptism, and for the Church at Pentecost. These will be resurrected perfect men and will occupy the important positions in the earthly phase of the kingdom, subordinate to the spiritual phase, and referred to further on in this article. Now to the point in question No. 1. "Of what are they to be composed?"

This question refers to human bodies, and we know in common terms that they are composed of flesh and blood as we have them. And Scripture and reason assure us that man in his perfected state will have a human body, but we expect that the "times of restitution of all things" will work great changes—not in the composition—but in the usefulness and powers of the human body. When this wonderful age of restitution has done its work, then man will be restored to what he was in the original Adam, before Eve was formed from his rib, and before sin entered. We know that Adam's body was perfect and capable of living on and under Edenic conditions, having access to the trees of life that would have sustained him eternally had he not been driven out for disobedience. Then we have another example of a perfect man, "the man Christ Jesus." What a wonderful body was his, untainted by sin, flesh and blood we know, and had he chose, instead of giving himself a ransom for all, he could have peopled the earth with a perfect race out of his own loins.

In 1 Cor. 15:35, the question is asked, "With what body do they come?" Paul explains the matter fully, showing that "God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, to every seed his own body," i. e., his own kind of body; the raised up one will be of the same kind of nature as when he died. To the Church, begotten to a "new nature," spirit bodies: to the world human bodies, but not the ones lost in death. Paul reasons the case clearly and shows that there are different kinds of bodies, some "terrestrial" (human) bodies, and some "celestial" (spirit) bodies, and the glory of one differs from the glory of another. The first and second resurrections are admirably shown in this 15th Chapter of Corinthians. But the composition of the body is of little consequence so it is freed from sin, and given proper sustenance, of which question No. 2 inquires: "On what are they to subsist?" It would be awful if there was no provision. But let us not so concede that faith is necessary, for "without faith it is impossible to please God." As Paul says, "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Therefore it stands to reason, and Paul declares that one cannot hear without a preacher, and one cannot preach unless he is sent. All must hear and understand before they can believe (Rom. 10:13-15). It is an awful blunder to claim that all who see or own a Bible or catechism and go to church occasionally are on trial, because the most of these are only natural men, not begotten to a spirit nature, not consecrated, therefore "spiritual things are foolishness unto them, neither can they know them because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2:14. Then beside this natural blindness, many who are sincere and "feeling after God" are side-tracked by the false doctrines and uncertain sounds of the Gospel trumpet which are delusive, and the result is Babylon, confusion.

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And do we not read in Zechariah 14 of that day when the living waters of restitution shall go out from Jerusalem; half toward the hinder sea, and does it not say the Lord will be King over all the earth in that day? And do we not find the wonderful visions corroborated in Rev. 21 and 22? Chapter 21 tells of that new earth society, and the new heavenly powers of control, and how the nations will walk by means of its light, and that the Kings of the earth bring their glory into it. Chapter 22 tells of this same river and trees of life, which bear twelve manner of fruits every month, and the leaves of the trees which are for the healing and sustenance of the nations. It also extends the invitation to whosoever will to come and partake of the water of life freely. The invitation is extended by the bride, the Lamb's wife, who is now making "herself ready"—now putting on the last touches of the beautiful character designated the fruits of the holy spirit. The waters, fruits, trees and leaves above referred to, represent the restitution blessings promised to "all the families of the earth." No more could be asked, no more will be given.

And this is what alchemists have hunted for in all time—the secret of life. And why, dear friends, have they not found it? Because that "flaming sword" of justice figuratively placed at the east of the Garden of Eden, turned every way to "keep the tree," the secret of life. But now since Jesus has satisfied justice, and "opened up a new and living way," proclaimed himself "the way, the truth, and the life," this grand provision will soon be available for the world. During this Gospel age he has been selecting his bride, the willing ones from among all nations. These, the spirit-begotten sons of God, will soon be born and manifested, and then the poor groaning creation travelling in pain, will be invited to partake of the water of life, and obey and live.

Question No. 3. "Will there be toiling, buying and selling?" This question is comparatively unimportant, but we judge that the perfected man will not have to toil as now, because the "curse" will be lifted from the "ground" as well as from men. Then the earth will bring her increase naturally. Now it must be dug out. But then all things will be made new—a new order of society, new ruling powers. This will mean much more than is revealed now. It will mean even a new language, because all those words which relate to sin, suffering and death will be displaced by others which relate to the grand blessings of life eternal. But, doubtless, there will be work for all until they reach perfection at the end of the millennial period. None who would misuse his time—none who would not use every hour and means for his own uplift and the good of others will be trusted in idleness. Of that time it is written, there will be no marrying nor giving in marriage. But they which attain that world (perfect human life at the close of the millennium) and the resurrection (anastasis, the complete raising up out of death) will not marry nor give in marriage; neither will they die any more because "they are like unto the angels," i. e., sexless, restored to the condition represented in Adam before Eve was formed. As the angels do not die, neither will the perfected human beings die. We can see why the institution of marriage will be done away with—the earth will be full, and it will no longer be needed for the propagation of the race. The thousand promises which refer to that golden age bespeak for it the grandest earth has ever known. It will be the beginning of a "world without end" "wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Question No. 4 is most important. "Where are the great multitudes to be located?" It would be a calamity if all in the tombs should come forth and find the earth so full that they would want to return. But, again, let us not limit the body of Israel. God who told Adam and Eve to multiply and fill the earth will make room for them. As this question inquires into the number of people born and the number of acres of land surface of the globe, I can best answer it by quoting from one who has devoted his entire life to the study of these important themes.

Vol. I, Scripture Studies, page 159, by pastor Russell, says, "Some have supposed that if the billions of the dead were resurrected, there would not be room for them on the earth; and if there should be room for them, the earth would not be capable of sustaining so large a population. It is even claimed by some that the earth is one vast grave yard, and if all the dead were awakened they would trample upon one another for want of room. This is an important point. How strange it would be if we should find that while the Bible declares a resurrection for all men, yet by actual measurement, they could not find a footing on the earth! Now let us see: figure it out and you will find this an unfounded fear, you will find that there is an abundance of room for the 'restitution of all as God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets.' 'Let us assume that it is six thousand years since the creation of man, and that there are fourteen hundred millions of people now living on the earth. Our race began with one pair, but let us make a very liberal estimate and suppose there were as many at the beginning as there are now; and further, that there were never fewer than that number at any time, though actually the flood reduced that number to eight persons. Again, let us be liberal, and estimate three generations to a century, or thirty-three years to a generation, though according to Gen. 5, there were but eleven generations from Adam to the flood, a period of one thousand six hundred and fifty-six years, or about 150 years to each generation. Now let us see: six thousand years are sixty centuries; three generations to each century would give us one hundred and eighty generations since Adam; and fourteen hundred millions to a generation would give two hundred and fifty-two billions (252,000,000,000) as the total number of our race from creation to the present time, according to this liberal estimate, which is probably more than twice the actual number.

"Where shall we find room enough for this great multitude?" Let us measure the land and see. The state of Texas, United States, contains two hundred and thirty-seven thousand square miles. There are twenty-seven million, eight hundred and seventy-eight thousand, four hundred square feet in mile, and therefore, six trillion, six hundred and seven billion, one hundred and eighty million, eight hundred thousand (6,507,180,800,000) square feet in Texas. Allowing ten square feet as the surface covered by each dead body, we find that Texas, as a cemetery, would at this rate hold six hundred and sixty billion, seven hundred and eighteen million and eighty thousand bodies, or nearly three times as many as our exaggerated estimate of the numbers of our race who have lived on this earth. "A person standing occupies about one and two-thirds square feet of space. At this rate the present population of the earth (one billion, four hundred million persons) could stand on an area of eighty-six square miles—an area much less than that of the city of Philadelphia. And the island of Ireland (area 32,000 square miles) would furnish standing room for more than twice the number of people who have ever lived, even at our exaggerated estimate.

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THE WILD WEST AND FAR EAST

Many interesting features will be seen with the Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill Exhibitions.

Considerable interest has been aroused in this vicinity through the announced appearance of Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Far East Show at Chattanooga, Oct. 18.

Col. Wm. F. Cody, the original and only "Buffalo Bill," travels with the big exhibition and positively appears at every performance, rain or shine.

Arrangements have been made with the railroad officials to run excursions at special rates from the various stations along the line and there will be special provisions for the accommodation of those who wish to visit the exhibition.

To the small boy and grown up Buffalo Bill will be the chief attraction, for his fame is not dimmed by the years which have elapsed since he helped write the story of the west through his heroic deeds. One of the principal contests of the red men, in which he took active part, will be pictured in the open air melodrama, "The Battle of Summit Springs," an engagement in miniature introducing more than one hundred Indians and as many cavalrymen and soldiers.

Contrasted with this scene will be an Oriental Spectacle which will picture the gorgeous beauties of the Far East, its pagodas and people, its pleasures and pastimes, and its strange customs and costumes.

Turning again to American history there will be an Attack Upon an Emigrant Train, A Holiday at "T-E" Ranch, and The Great Train Hold-up by Indians, showing varied pictures of early life upon the boundless plains. Rossi's Musical Elephants will be a particular feature of the Far East scene and as an individual feature of the Wild West Section of the exhibition Ray Thompson's Trained Western Range Horses will be shown in feats of grace and equine skill. Sharpshooting by Johnny Baker will be a particular attractive feature, and a bunch of bucking bronchos will furnish the principal comedy element of a truly exhilarating and strenuous exhibition.

Dunlap.

Special to the News.

Taking buggy rides is the order of the day.

Juda Degnan called on Mrs. Kate Jones Sunday.

Will Miller has a fine graphophone. Miss Juda Degnan looks sad today. I think it is because it is raining.

Stonewall Myers is in Dunlap for a few days.

Ask Miss Janie Degnan who is her fellow and see her smile.

Mrs. Ada Smith called on Mrs. Barabie Degnan Sunday morning and also Mrs. Kate Jones.

Miss Janie Degnan says Will Miller is the cutest boy in Dunlap.

Miss May Smith called on Miss Juda Degnan Sunday morning.

Miss Ala Degnan called on Miss Easter Cantrell Sunday.

Ye writer would like to see Mrs. Mattie Davis of Rooper. Wonder why she didn't come to Dunlap.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Degnan on 8-pound girl.

Come on "Two Sisters" of Rooper, I like to read your pleas, for I guess you know who I am.

Mrs. Lizzie Degnan is on the sick list this week and also Mrs. Mattie Sexton. Hello Dear.

Cold Weather Advice.

To all is to beware of coughs and colds on the chest, as neglected they readily lead to pneumonia, consumption or other pulmonary troubles. Just as soon as the cough appears treat it with Ballard's Horehound Syrup, the Standard cure of America. Use as directed—perfectly harmless. A cure and preventative for all diseases of the lungs. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. For sale by Sequachee Supply Store.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Eastland.

Special to the News.

Mr. Editor, perhaps the readers would like to hear from this part of the country, so I will write a few items to the News this week.

We have had a dry fall up here so far. There is nothing new and everything is going higher in price.

We have had three cases of scarlet fever in town. All are about well and no new cases.

John Drewry, who has been on the sick list for a month is able to return to work again.

Charley Kilgore has been on the sick list a few days.

Dolph and Rena Drewry went to Sparta Saturday shopping.

Rev. Oreah left last Monday for Nashville.

Rev. Ranks has been holding a series of meetings at this place this week.

R. Brindle returned from East Tennessee last Thursday.

James Durett went to Bon Air Saturday.

Dennis Simmons has been on the sick list a few days.

Charley Hobbs and family visited in Clifty Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Obe Frizzell visited C. H. Kilgore Sunday.

Work is some better at this place. We had five days last week.

Carroll Taylor went to Nashville and other points to buy a new stock of goods.

James and Henry Robanion went to Bon Air last week and returned Saturday.

W. H. Watley left last week for Illinois.

Joe Gilliam left for Illinois last week. John West and family left a few days ago for Ida City, Ark. J. G.

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